



**The mission of WSLCA is to create value for our beneficiaries through leadership, education, and sound land management.**

## WHO WE ARE

Created in 1949, the Western States Land Commissioners Association is a membership organization of Land Commissioners, managers and professional staff members from more than 20 western states. Together they manage more than 440 million acres of public and school trust land, surface and subsurface mineral rights properties, and submerged lake, river and coastal acreage.

## OUR MISSION

- ◆ Help member states maximize the earnings and preserve the assets of educational trusts and encourage prudent administration of those trusts.
- ◆ Develop, share and evaluate information regarding public land, water and other resource management policies and practices.
- ◆ Share best practices and solutions regarding asset management challenges and land issues unique to western states.
- ◆ Educate key decision makers at a national level and advocate positions on a wide range of critical issues for land and resource management in the West.

## YOUR CONNECTION TO STATE LAND MANAGEMENT IN THE WEST

WSLCA

- ◆ Discussing western trust land management
- ◆ Tracking legislation affecting state lands
- ◆ Networking land managers from across the West
- ◆ Learning from neighboring western states
- ◆ Finding solutions to land management challenges

## TYPES OF LAND MANAGED

State land managers deal with three primary administrative responsibilities:

### SCHOOL & INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LANDS

Most western states received grants of federal land when they became states. These land grants were given to the states to generate income for public education and other state programs. States are required by law to use school trust lands for those purposes.

### SOVEREIGN LANDS

State land managers administer lands that lie below the ordinary high water mark of navigable lakes and rivers. These lands are managed for the protection of navigation, commerce, fish and wildlife habitat, aquatic beauty, public recreation, and water quality. Leases of these lands are a source of revenue.

### FIRE CONTROL

Some state land managers are responsible for prevention and control of wildfire on state and private lands.

## OUR CONFERENCES

Members gather twice a year to share information and ideas about public land management and resource development strategies.

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